



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Late Rain Improves Crop Conditions

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 25, 2010.**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	88	74	66	78
Corn Emerged	56	33	45	51
Cotton Planted	15	3	3	18
Soybeans Planted	7	N/A	N/A	9
Winter Wheat Headed	26	9	47	20
% of Feed Obtained	81	77	74	N/A
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	25	73	1
Winter Wheat	0	8	46	46	0
Livestock	0	3	43	44	10
Pasture & Range	0	4	46	44	6

Crop	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Hay & Roughage Supplies	10	78	12

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.7	0	5	91	4
District 20	5.6	0	7	91	2
District 30	5.2	0	34	61	5
District 40	6.3	6	42	48	4
District 50	6.6	8	32	59	1
District 60	6.0	0	34	65	1
State: Current Week	5.9	2	21	74	3
State: Previous Week	6.9	3	50	45	2

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Producers were in need of rain at the start of last week, until parts of the region finally received moisture Friday night. Alfred Jackson, Extension Agent at Tuskegee University, commented that much of the western portion of the Blackbelt region received rain late Friday night. Saturday thunderstorms and tornadoes continued through early Sunday morning, and many low lying areas experienced flash flooding for short periods. The US Drought Monitor released

April 22, portrayed the state to be 58.7 percent free from drought, compared to 100 percent at the start of the water year, and 100 percent a year ago. Daytime highs for the week ranged from 80 degrees in Sand Mountain, to 86 degrees in Union Springs, Geneva, Headland, and Dothan. Overnight lows ranged from 38 degrees in Hamilton, to 54 degrees in Headland. Precipitation totals for the week ranged from 0.31 inches in Headland, to 6 inches in Jasper over a period of 2 days.

Corn/ Cotton/Soybeans/Peanuts: For certain regions of the state, the amount of rainfall received was adequate but it delayed planting in other regions. Tim Malone, County Executive Director for Franklin County, stated his area received much needed rain and escaped with very little wind damage. Producers in his area hope to finish planting corn, and plant more cotton this week. Cindy Owens, County Executive Director for Fayette County, noted her area received over 5 inches of rain last week, which delayed cotton and soybean planting. Leonard Kuykendall, Regional Extension Agent for Autauga County, commented about 25 percent of their cotton producers began planting last week. Fertilizer and herbicide applications were being applied to corn, and producers were making preparations for soybean and peanut plantings. Mr. Jackson also stated crops that were planted in the low lying areas may be damaged and may need replanting. The severe weather caused planting delays for many farmers in his region.

Fruits: A "big pest" was noticed lurking around some strawberry operations, according to Bobby Boozer, Research Horticulturist at the Chilton County Research and Extension Center. A small planting of strawberries were developing large ripe fruit early last week, however, before the fruit were ready to harvest they were eaten. It was finally determined that crows were making small pricks in the strawberries from their feet. The pressure and damage caused the tissue to lose moisture, become weak, and fall over.

Pasture/Livestock: Operators reported pastures in fair condition last week. Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent for Talladega County, stated a brief shower in his area brought much needed moisture for pastures that were recently fertilized. Warm season grasses were progressing, but were doing so at a slower than anticipated rate because of the low temperatures overnight. Brenda Glover, Regional Extension Agent in Hale County, stated pastures and cropland needed rain in her area. Most producers were planning to cut hay next week after the rain moves through. Mr. Jackson also mentioned pastures in his region will continue to flourish as needed rains ended the dry spell in the Blackbelt region.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday, April 19, 2010 To Sunday, April 25, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	84	43	65	3	1.14	0.16	2	13.83	-4.66	75		106	18	39	9
Russellville	83	41	61	2	2.38	1.25	2	14.78	-5.55	73		89	21	25	6
Belle Mina	84	42	62	0	1.99	0.94	2	16.56	-3.59	82	64	90	8	25	0
Huntsville Ag	84	45	65	3	2.01	0.94	2	15.99	-4.80	77		108	21	38	9
Hamilton	85	38	60	-1	4.19	2.93	2	19.39	-2.04	90		79	6	18	-2
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	84	42	64	0	1.09	-0.07	3	16.41	-4.54	78		100	5	34	3
Cullman Ag	82	40	62	-1	5.35	4.15	3	22.74	0.78	104	63	93	10	28	3
Sand Mountain	80	41	61	0	3.98	2.83	3	18.45	-2.48	88		84	11	22	2
Gadsden AP	81	39	62	-1	3.16	1.90	3	15.94	-5.66	74		85	0	24	-1
Bridgeport	83	42	60	-1	2.26	1.14	3	17.43	-4.36	80		72	1	16	-2
Guntersville	82	46	63	0	2.71	1.58	4	19.30	-0.90	96		97	7	28	-2
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	82	46	66	2	1.12	-0.02	2	18.20	-3.62	83	66	119	22	49	15
Talladega	82	41	62	-2	1.37	0.29	3	19.85	-1.55	93		92	2	24	-4
Birmingham AP	82	46	66	3	3.88	2.76	2	19.22	-0.95	95		113	19	43	11
Alabaster	83	48	65	3	1.76	0.58	3	20.00	-2.59	89		109	16	39	9
Pinson	82	39	62	2	4.56	3.35	3	18.90	-2.56	88		89	9	26	3
Opelika Wtr Plt	83	44	64	1	1.07	-0.07	4	17.02	-5.29	76		104	14	35	6
Alexander City	83	45	64	1	1.72	0.64	2	17.84	-4.05	81		107	13	37	6
Tuscaloosa AP	84	45	66	1	1.94	0.74	3	15.40	-5.85	72		112	7	42	2
Jasper	81	43	62	0	6.00	4.81	2	24.91	3.18	115		95	14	28	4
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	86	46	67	2	0.37	-0.55	2	13.86	-6.34	69		124	18	54	15
Marion Junction	83	45	65	1	1.73	0.63	2	17.56	-3.49	83	74	121	19	52	15
Montgomery AP	84	46	67	1	0.65	-0.33	2	16.28	-3.97	80		117	4	50	5
Livingston	83	46	65	-1	1.91	0.69	2	21.47	-0.12	99		104	0	34	-4
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	82	52	68	-2	1.32	0.33	2	24.57	3.09	114		129	-5	59	-6
Brewton AG	85	47	66	-1	1.69	0.78	2	21.50	-0.41	98	74	115	-2	45	-5
Thomasville	83	49	65	-2	1.37	0.39	2	16.98	-4.71	78		114	1	47	2
Mobile Bates	83	50	69	-1	1.29	0.28	2	22.20	1.87	109		134	-2	64	-2
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula Wildlife	85	49	68	4	1.05	0.20	3	21.17	1.98	110		134	28	64	24
Troy Municipal	83	45	67	2	0.77	-0.10	3	18.64	-0.92	95		119	10	49	5
Highland Home	83	44	64	-3	1.36	0.41	3	21.05	-0.29	99		100	-9	32	-11
Geneva Ag	86	47	68	0	0.90	0.13	3	19.83	0.62	103	80	130	6	60	6
Headland	86	54	70	3	0.31	-0.60	2	17.54	-2.83	86	76	144	22	74	21
Dothan	86	53	70	4	0.52	-0.35	2	17.88	-2.60	87		145	23	75	22

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.